GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2221
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002
AIR ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of air accidents involving the aircraft of Indian Airlines/Air India and other Airlines which took place in the country from January 1, 1995 till date, location-wise;

(b)the causes attributed to each of the accidents;

(c) the loss of life and property in each of them;

(d) the compensation paid in each case;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to contain the air accidents;

(f) whether the Government monitors airworthiness of private sector planes on day to day basis;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b) and (c):- A statement showing the details of air accidents involving Indian Registered passenger aircraft which took place from 1st January, 1995 till date with causes of accidents, loss of life as well as property is at Annexure.
(d):- The compensation to the dependents of the deceased is paid by the concerned operator through its insurance company.
(e):- In order to ensure safety in civil aviation operations, compliance of laid down operating and maintenance procedures, provision of required facilities and trained manpower, monitoring of Flight Data Recorder, monitoring of Flight Duty Time Limitations, training, medical and licence validity, safety audit of operators installation of safey equipment are being done continuously.
(f)and (g):- Yes, Sir. Any operator intending to undertake the maintenance of his aircraft is granted approval in accordance with Civil Aviation Requirements of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (Dte.GCA). The operator is responsible for maintaining the aircraft in a continuous state of airworthiness by subjecting the aircraft to inspection at such intervals as stipulated by the manufacturer of the aircraft and approved by Dte.GCA. Thesechecks are carried out by qualified Aircraft Maintenance Engineer of the respective airline. The operator is also responsible for conducting in-house audits of the organisation atleast twice a year. Besides, the maintenance activities of the operator are monitored by Dte.GCA by carrying out spot checks, surveillance checks and safety audits and corrective/ punitive action is taken by Dte.GCA wherever discrepancies are observed.

(h):- Does not arise.

Annexure

ACCIDENTS OF INDIAN CIVIL REGISTERED PASSENGER AIRCRAFT OCCURRED FROM 1995 TO TILL DATE (17.03.2002)

Sl.No. Date/Location
Aircraft
Operator
Fata-lities
Damage to Aircraft
Details/Probable cause of accident..

1. 1.7.1995
Baroda
F-27 VT-EWE
East West Airlines
Nil
substantial

The accident occurred during aircraft touchdown due to liberation of the sliding piston with the wheels of the left main landing gear as a result of failure of the locking arrangement on the piston top end.

2.

2.12.1995
Delhi
B-737 VT-ECS
Indian Airlines Limited
Nil
substantial
The accident was caused by the injudicious and imprudent decision of the pilot to hastily complete the flight in the inadequate time available before the notified closure of Delhi airport, unstabilised approach due to his failure to deaccelerate aircraft in time and omission to arm the speed brake before landing.

3.
18.5.1996
Kanpur
L-410 VT-ETB
Archana Airways
Nil
substantial
Accident occurred due to late touchdown at higher aircraft touchdown speed as a result of which the aircraft overshot the runway and suffered damage by impact with boundary wall. Wrong selection of runway, overloading of aircraft, non-deployment of spoilers and lower visibility conditions than the required, were the contributory factors.

4.
11.7.1996
Near Kulu
L-410 VT-ETC
Archana
Airways
09
Destroyed
The accident was caused due to a complete lack of safety awareness, proper supervision and operational control in the organisation.

5.
30.7.98
Cochin
Dornierr DO-228 VT-EJW
Indian Airlines Limited
09
Destroyed
Accident was caused due to partial detachment of its actuator forward bearing support fitting due non-installation of required hi-lok fasteners.

6.
17.7.2000
Patna
B-737-200 VT-EGD
Alliance Air
60
Destroyed
The accident has been investigated by the Court of Inquiry. Subsequently, the Government constituted a High Level Group

(HLG) to examine the follow up action on the Report of Court of Inquiry. The report of the HLG has been received and under examination of the Government.

7.

2.1.2001
Mussorie
Bell-206 L4 VT-SPA
Span Air
05
Destroyed
The accident is under investiagion by an Inspector of
Accidents under Rules, 71 of Aircraft Rules, 1937.

8.
26.3.2001
Ojhar, Nasik
Piper Aztec VT-AAI
Ahmedabad Aviation Academy
Nil
Destroyed
The report of the accident is under examination of
the Government.

9.

8.5.2001
Sessa Arunachal Pradesh
Dauphin Helicopter VT-ELA
Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited
07
Destroyed
It was raining and the area was covered with thick fog.
The helicopter crashed into the hill at village Sessa.

10.
13.5.2001
Chittagong (Bangla- desh)
Piper Aerostar aircraft VT-AKS
Karson Aviation
Nil
Substantial
The report of the accident is under examination of
the Government.

11.

77.2001
Amarnath

(J&K)
Cheetah Helicopter VT-EUY
Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Nil
Destroyed
The report of accident is under examination.

12.
30.9.2001 Mainpuri U.P.
King Air C90A VT-EEF
Jindal Strips Limited
08
Destroyed
The report of the Committee of Inquiry of the accident
is under examination of the Government.

13.
20.9.2001
Trivandrum
Swati VT-STO
Kerala Aviation Training Centre, Trivandrum
Nil

Substantial
The accident is under investigation by an Inspector of Accidents under Rule 71 of Aircraft Rules, 1937.

14.
20.1.2002
Manali
Lama SA Helicopter VT-HHS
Himalayan Heliservices (P) Limited
Nil
Destroyed
The accident is under investigation by an Inspector of Accidents under Rule 71 of Aircraft Rules, 1937.

15.
21.2.2002
Indore
Bell 430
VT-MPS
Madhya Pradesh Government
Nil
Substantial
The accident is under investigation by an Inspector of Accidents under Rule 71 of Aircraft Rules, 1937.

16.

3.3.2002
Kaikalur
Bell 206 Helicopter VT-DAP
Deccan Aviation
03
Destroyed
The accident is under investigation by an Inspector of Accidents under Rule 74 of Aircraft Rules, 1937.